

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1897.—COPYRIGHT, 1897, BY W. B. HEARST.

# CORBETT DENOUNCES AN ATTEMPT TO MAKE HIM BREAK FAITH WITH THE JOURNAL.

## He Tells of Slanders That Have Been Circulated and Attacks Made---An Effort to Reach Him Through His Wife.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEW YORK JOURNAL:

This morning, just when going to start for daily training work, I got a telegram from my wife, in which she wired that a reporter from the New York World had been to her house with a telegram, signed by the World, which said that stories were afloat that I was cruel to her. The World wanted a statement from her.

There could not be any such stories about, for my wife and I have never had any misunderstanding, and I realize that such a despatch could only have been sent to wound me in the only way I could be hurt, because I am honest in keeping a contract made with a newspaper that put a higher value on my help than did the World. I am an American, champion pugilist of America, training to uphold the championship in a fight with the champion of an alien land, and I appeal to the American people and ask if it is just that I should be made to suffer in this cowardly way by the managers of a leading American newspaper. I did not think it was possible for anything to disturb me at my work, but these men found a way. Howard Hackett, the World's representative in Carson, must admit I have always treated him with courtesy, and he knows that my refusal to grant him interviews and statements was only the same I am compelled to do without breaking my contract made with the JOURNAL.

I say this to show that there was not the slightest excuse for this cruel outrage. They might leave my wife alone, now that I cannot be at her side to protect her. I ask the public not to believe any statement purporting to come from me or my people except it appears in the JOURNAL. All others are false.

CARSON, Nev., Feb. 20.

JAMES J. CORBETT.

### SHARKEY IN FIGHTING TRIM.

Showing the Muscular Development of the Well-Known Sailor-Pugilist.



The man who recently met "Bob" Fitzsimmons in the ring, and who has agreed to give to the Journal exclusively his views and opinions on the approaching big fight.

### HOW THE BIG MATCH WAS MADE.

Dan Stuart Gives a Succinct History of His Troubles in Arranging for the Meeting of Corbett and Fitzsimmons.

CARSON, Nev., Feb. 20.—It was two years last April when I conceived the idea of matching Corbett and Fitzsimmons. Previous to that I had no interest in pugilism further than being a spectator. It appeared to me that the laws, as they existed at that time in Texas, admitted of glove contests, and I took the matter up purely as a business proposition. I was aware of the trouble experienced by the Florida Athletic Club in bringing off the Corbett-Fitzsimmons match in Florida, and, as a precaution, I had the Texas statute interpreted by prominent lawyers. The result being satisfactory, I made a dicker with the Florida Athletic Club, assuming the presidency of the organization, and the club's headquarters were transferred to Dallas. It is common property now how, after having the stability of the Texas law bearing on boxing passed upon favorably by the court of last resort, Governor Culberson called a special session of the Legislature and at once a law was enacted which prevented me from bringing Corbett and Fitzsimmons together at Dallas on October 31, 1895.

The scene shifts to Hot Springs, Ark., and in that State Governor Clarke proved so unkind that the match fell through. After the Little Rock disaster Corbett and Fitzsimmons and myself went our several ways.

My experiences in and around El Paso are also pretty well known to the public. We had the Maher-Fitzsimmons fight down Lantry way, and when it was over I was anxious to match Corbett and Fitzsimmons once more. Although I had made the bringing of them together my business for the last two years even to the neglect of other lines of business that I am interested in, I did not think the time was ripe for having the Corbett-Fitzsimmons match on the boards again. I made just one effort to bring matters to a head and then desisted, feeling that it would be better to wait until the men themselves drifted together, as it were. I felt that they would do this sooner or later. When Fitzsimmons returned from England and talked of challenging Corbett, I kept a close watch on the progress of affairs. I soon became satisfied that business was meant on both sides, and the signing of the articles for the match that is to take place on March 17 was the result. E. J. 204

In regard to privileges at the coming fight, there are none to speak of. The glove contest measure under which we are operating prohibits the sale of liquors on the premises, so that means there will be no bars. The souvenir privileges I expect to handle myself, and I may say that the souvenir badge I intend to get up will be nothing short of a work of art. As to the picture privilege, I will say that if it is decided to have the scene in the ring photographed by the kineoscope or any similar apparatus, I expect to make such arrangements as will satisfy the principals. If I cannot do that I will toss the privilege into the lake. There is not the slightest possibility of its proving a stumbling block in any way to the successful ending of this fight.

In regard to losses in the past or profits in the future I have just this to say: When I was associated with the Florida Athletic Club—of course, I had partners—we resolved that we would not make the amount of our losses known. Since I have been paddling my own canoe, I have been equally reticent in this respect. Such will be my course in regard to profits. I consider these particular matters my own business entirely.

DAN A. STUART.

### MULDOON GIVES HIS VIEWS ONLY TO THE JOURNAL.

He Will Furnish a Two-Column Opinion of the Condition of the Principals and the Result of the Great Contest.



### SHARKEY AS CORRESPONDENT.

His View of the Corbett-Fitzsimmons Contest Will Be Given Exclusively in the Journal.



Thomas J. Sharkey has made an arrangement with the Journal whereby he is to give to this paper solely all his statements and opinions concerning the big fight, from this time until forty-eight hours after the contest is over.

### THE JOURNAL WILL HAVE IT ALL.

From all parts of the country those prominent in athletics send compliments to the Journal. They recognize the fact that by obtaining from the principals and referee of the big fight exclusive rights to interviews, statements and pictures, this newspaper has a practical monopoly of the only news of the event worth printing.

### COMMENDABLE STROKE OF ENTERPRISE.

Boston, Feb. 20.

To the Editor of the New York Journal:

The action of the New York Journal in getting from the principals exclusive rights to interviews, statements and pictures is certainly a commendable stroke of newspaper enterprise.

PROFESSOR DUDLEY A. SARGENT,  
Director Hemenway Gymnasium and Normal School Training,  
Cambridge.

### GOVERNOR SADLER SEES NO LIMIT.

Carson, Nev., Feb. 20.

To the Editor of the New York Journal:

I heard from your representative here that the Journal has secured the rights to publish pictures and statements of the celebrities connected with the pending championship contest. Such enterprise as that is highly commendable. It suggests that there is no limit to the possibilities of New York Journalists.

R. SADLER,  
Governor of Nevada.

In a few days Muldoon, the famous trainer, will start for Nevada to see the Corbett-Fitzsimmons bout. One of the contestants was desirous of having the veteran boxer and wrestler act as his second and supervise his preparations for the contest, but Muldoon could not leave his establishment at White Plains for the length of time required in this work. He has consented, however, to go to Carson City expressly for the New York Journal, and write exclusive accounts of the condition of the two big fellows. He will describe their modes of training, their peculiarities of style when sparring, their mental characteristics and their respective chances of victory.

Muldoon is intimately acquainted with both men, knows their dispositions and has witnessed almost all of their respective fights. Since his retirement from the ring and the stage, Muldoon has made a study of physical training and muscle culture, devoting his whole attention and all the appurtenances of his big establishment in the Carhart mansion on the outskirts of White Plains to building up and invigorating the physical side of men who were overworked or who have inherited weak bodies. He is undoubtedly thoroughly qualified to judge of the exact condition of the two men who are to contest for the ring championship of the world on March 17.